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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 97,713)

In re the Application of:

Coley et al.

Application No. 08/595,957

Filed: February 6, 1996

For: FIREWALL SYSTEM FOR
PROTECTING NETWORK
ELEMENTS CONNECTED
TO A PUBLIC NETWORK

Examiner: Stephen Elmore

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commission for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 18, 1997, please amend the above captioned application as follows:

In the CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 12, 19, 23, 26, 27, 30, 42 to 46 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 2-5, 7, 10-11, 13-18, 20-22, 24, 25, 28, 29, and 31-41 as indicated below:

1/ (Once Amended) The firewall system [claimed in claim 1] ^{1 2 3} as in claim ~~47~~, ~~48~~, or ~~49~~, wherein the firewall box is dedicated to a firewall application.

8/ (Once Amended) The firewall system [claimed in claim 1] ^{1 2 3} as in claim ~~47~~, ~~48~~, or ~~49~~, wherein the firewall box is a general purpose computer.